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SECRETARY OF STATE  
STATE OF MISSOURI

**Date:** May 14, 2026

**To:** Missouri Local Election Authorities

**Re:** Implementation of House Bill 1 Following Missouri Supreme Court Ruling

Dear Missouri Election Officials,

This correspondence serves as formal notice regarding the current legal status of House Bill 1, enacted by the Missouri General Assembly during the 2025 Special Session.

On May 12, 2026, the Supreme Court of Missouri issued its rulings affirming the constitutionality and legal effectiveness of House Bill 1. Specifically, the Court upheld the congressional district plan adopted under HB 1 and further clarified the filing of referendum did not operate as an automatic suspension of the law.

As of May 12, 2026, House Bill 1 remains in full force and effect until a determination and certification of sufficiency or insufficiency has been issued under the referendum process. According to Missouri State law, the Secretary of State has until August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 to complete the certification process.

Please find the attached advisory opinion from the Missouri Attorney General and the Supreme Court of Missouri's decision in the *Maggard v. State of Missouri* (SC1015891).

I know many of you have started the redistricting process and I will be sharing further directions on redistricting next week.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denny Hoskins".

**Denny Hoskins**  
Secretary of State  
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